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**| Sec. A35-1. - Purpose of establishing limitations.**

- (a) The purpose of this division is to place voluntary limits upon the total amount of money that may be contributed to an election campaign for the offices of Board of Supervisors, District Attorney, County Sheriff, and County Assessor.

(Ord. No. NS-19.32, 10-7-97; Ord. No. NS-19.34, § 1, 8-7-01)

**| Sec. A35-2. - Limitation on campaign contributions.**

- (a) No person shall make to any candidate for the Board of Supervisors, District Attorney, County Sheriff, or County Assessor, or to such candidate's controlled committee, and no such candidate's controlled committee shall accept from any person a contribution or contributions totaling more than \$250.00 for each election in which the candidate is attempting to be on the ballot or is a write in candidate for such office.
- (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, if a candidate for the Board of Supervisors, District Attorney, County Sheriff, or County Assessor accepts the expenditure limits set forth in Section A35-3(a), no person shall make to any candidate for the Board of Supervisors, District Attorney, County Sheriff, or County Assessor, or to the candidate's controlled committee, and no candidate for such office or the candidate's controlled committee shall accept from any person a contribution or contributions totaling more than \$500.00 for each election.

(Ord. No. NS-19.32, 10-7-97; Ord. No. NS-19.34, § 1, 8-7-01)

**| Sec. A35-3. - Voluntary expenditure ceiling.**

- (a) The County of Santa Clara hereby establishes voluntary expenditure ceilings for candidates for the office of Board of Supervisors, and for the controlled committees of candidates for the Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$250,000.00 total contributions per election for such office.
- The County of Santa Clara hereby establishes voluntary expenditure ceilings for candidates for the office of District Attorney, County Sheriff, and County Assessor, and for the controlled committees of such candidates in the amount of \$500,000.00 total contributions per election for such office.
- (b) Each candidate for the Board of Supervisors, District Attorney, County Sheriff and County Assessor shall file with the Registrar of Voters of the County of Santa Clara a written statement of acceptance or rejection of the voluntary expenditure ceilings before accepting any contributions. Candidates who accept the expenditure ceiling set forth in this section shall not be subject to the contribution limitation set forth in Section A35-2(a) of \$250.00, but rather will be subject to the contribution limits set forth in Section A35-2(b) of \$500.00.
- (c) If a candidate for the Board of Supervisors, District Attorney, County Sheriff or County Assessor declines to accept the voluntary expenditure ceiling set forth in Section A35-3(a) the candidate shall be subject to the contribution limits set forth in Section A35-2(a) of \$250.00.
- (d) Any candidate for the Board of Supervisors, District Attorney, County Sheriff, or County Assessor who declined to accept the voluntary expenditure ceiling set forth in Section A35-3(a), but who nevertheless did not exceed the recommended spending limits in the primary, special primary, or special election,

may file a statement of acceptance of the spending limits for a general or special runoff election within 14 days following the primary, special primary, or special election and receive all the benefits accompanying such an agreement specified in this chapter.

(Ord. No. NS-19.32, 10-7-97; Ord. No. NS-19.34, § 1, 8-7-01)

#### **Sec. A35-4. - Definitions.**

The definitions contained in the California Political Reform Act of 1974 are incorporated herein and shall govern the interpretation of this division, unless the Board enacts definitions in this division which are specifically applicable hereto and which conflict with the definitions in the California Political Reform Act of 1974. In that case, the definitions which contained herein shall control the interpretation of this division.

(Ord. No. NS-19.33, 5-25-99; Ord. No. NS-19.34, § 1, 8-7-01)